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1. THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE INVOKED THE POLISH CONSTITUTION AND THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENANTS ON MAY 17 IN A CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF WDL MEMBERS JACEK KURON, ANTONI MACIEREWICZ, PIOTRA NAIMSKI, ADAM MICHNIK, AND JOZEF SRENIOWSKI, AS WELL AS A STUDENT SUPPORTER, WOJCIECH OSTROWSKI. THE STATEMENT SAID RELEASE OF THE ACTIVISTS WAS NECESSARY FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ORDER AND FOR "AVOIDING EVENTS WHICH NO ONE CAN FORESEE OF CONTROL." THE MOVEMENT IN DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE CITIZEN ISSUED A SIMILAR STATEMENT ON MAY 18 WHICH INCLUDED SPECIFIC CONDEMNATION OF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE SECURITY POLICE.

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2. WESTERN MEDIA REPORTED ON MAY 19 THAT A DELEGATION OF EIGHT WDL MEMBERS, LED BY EDWARD LIPINSKI AND ANIELA STEINBERGOWA, PRESENTED A DEMAND FOR THE RELEASE OF THE IMPRISONED WDL MEMBERS TO THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE ON MAY 17. THEY WERE TO HAVE RECEIVED A REPLY ON MAY 18. THE MEDIA ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO STUDENT SUPPORTERS OF THE WDL FROM WARSAW UNIVERSITY, STEFAN KAWALEC

AND SERGIUSZ KOWALSKI, WERE ALSO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

3. A CORRESPONDENT FOR A WESTERN NEWS AGENCY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT WDL MEMBER JOZEF SRENIOWSKI, WHO WAS ALSO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OVER THE WEEKEND, WAS RELEASED MAY 19. HE SAID POLICE ARRIVED TO SEARCH MIROSLAW CHOJECKI'S APARTMENT ON MAY 19, AND IT WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER HE WOULD BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. THE CORRESPONDENT SAID HE BELIEVED THE WDL MEMBERS WERE IMPRISONED TO KEEP THEM FROM GIVING TACTICAL ADVICE TO STUDENT PROTESTORS. HE SAID THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT KEPT THE ACTIVISTS IMPRISONED AFTER THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR PYJAS SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY EVENING IN WARSAW, IT WOULD BE A SIGN THAT THE POLICY OF "BENIGN NEGLECT" OF THE WDL HAD CHANGED AND PROSECUTION WAS A POSSIBILITY.

4. ACCORDING TO THE CORRESPONDENT, OUTWARD CALM PREVAILED IN KRAKOW WHEN HE LEFT THE CITY ON MAY 19. THE POLICE REPORTEDLY CONTINUE TO QUESTION STUDENTS, HOLDING ABOUT 16 AT ANY ONE TIME. THE 10 STUDENTS WHO PREPARED THE DECLARATION CALLING FOR A NEW STUDENT MOVEMENT (REF A) TO REPLACE THE REPUDIATED REGIME-DOMINATED ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE THEIR WORK UNHINDERED. THEY REPORTEDLY HAVE CONTACTS WITH UNIVERSITIES IN WARSAW, WROCLAW, AND LUBLIN. TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT, A STUDENT MUST TURN IN HIS STUDENT UNION CARD, WHICH, IN THE CONTEXT OF POLISH SCHOOL LIFE, DEPRIES HIM OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS. WE HAVE NO REPORT ON HOW WIDE-SPREAD THE MOVEMENT IS.

5. COMMENT: THE MASS TO BE SAID ON MAY 20 IS THE CENTER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTENTION FOR ALL OBSERVERS. AS IN KRAKOW LAST WEEK, ALL PARTIES ARE AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE WIDE-SPREAD DISTURBANCES AND THE NEED TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY. END COMMENT.
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